Administrations, which implement the Scheme. The assistance is provided to students pursuing post matric education. The details of Central assistance provided to the State of Rajasthan, during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-01 under the Scheme, are given below:

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Year	Central Assistance Released To Govt. Rajasthan
1999-2000	526.59
2000-01	411.36

Projects for Utilisation of Special Central Assistance

2995. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have asked States to set up projects for utilisation of Special Central Assistance;

(b) if so, the guidelines for such Special Assistance Project;

(c) whether any representations have been received from social activists for any such projects in Andhra Pradesh in the year 2000-2001; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The States/UTs have been asked to prepare project proposals for utilization of Special Central Assistance (SCA) by dovetailing up to 50% of the unit cost limiting to Rs. 10,000 per beneficiary as subsidy out of SCA and balance amount as loan from National Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation for Assisting Scheduled Castes families, living below poverty line, in an integrated manner, as well as setting up required infrastructure for supporting the activities and provision of required forward and backward linkages.

(c) and (d) Dr. P. Puallarao, West Godavari District, had requested for assisting SC families belonging to the poorest section in the West Godavari District. The matter has been referred to the State Secretary, Deptt. of Social Welfare, for appropriate action, as per guidelines.